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SUBJECT: JOINT COMMISSION AND SUBCOMMISSIONS:

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE.

REF: NEW DELHI 2659

1. AT LEAST UNTIL WE ARE PROVED INCORRECT, THE EMBASSY IS PROCEEDING ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE GOI, AFTER THE PRESENT FUROR OVER OUR ARMS POLICY, WILL WISH TO GET OUR RELATIONS BACK TO A SATISFACTORY COURSE. THIS MEANS THAT IT WILL WANT THE JOINT COMMISSION AND THE SUBCOMMISSIONS TO MOVE AHEAD WITH THEIR TASKS. CERTAINLY NOTHING WHICH EITHER MEA OR THE FUNCTIONAL MINISTRIES HAVE TOLD US HERE DURING THE PAST FEW DAYS IS INCONSISTENT WITH THIS AND CONSALVES' REFERENCE TO CHAVAN'S "POSTPONEMENT" OF HIS VISIT SUPPORTS THIS THESIS. GOI BRIEFINGS OF THIS MORNING PRESS SUPPORT THIS THESIS. FOR EXAMPLE, THE HINDUSTAN TIMES SAID THAT THE CANCELLATION OF CHAVAN'S VISIT DID NOT IMPLY DISSOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION: A MEETING WILL BE HELD WHEN THE ATMOSPHERE IS BETTER. CONSEQUENTLY, IT IS OUR VIEW THAT SO LONG AS WE HAVE

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PROSPECT OF GETTING BACK TO A REASONABLE POLITICAL AS WELL AS

ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP WE SHOULD PROCEED WITH THE WORK OF THE SUBCOMMISSIONS.

2. FAILURE TO HOLD A JOINT COMMISSION MEETING IN MARCH SUBSTANTIALLY CHANGES THE TIME, AND, IN SOME CASES, POLICY FRAMEWORK IN WHICH WE HAVE BEEN PURSUING SUBCOMMISSION WORK. WE ARE STILL TALKING TO WORKING LEVEL GOI OFFICIALS ON THE ENTIRE RANGE OF THE SUBCOMMISSIONS' WORK AND NO "FREEZE" HAS BEEN APPLIED SO FAR. WE CAN'T DRAW MUCH OF A CONCLUSION FROM THIS SINCE IT WOULD BE TOO EARLY FOR ANY "FREEZE", SELECTIVE OR TOTAL, TO BE COMMUNICATED FROM THE TOP. ON BALANCE, WE THINK THAT A COMPLETE INDIAN FREEZE IS UNLIKELY. THIS LEAVES THE USG WITH THE PROBLEM OF DECIDING HOW IT SHOULD PROCEED ON BOTH ROUTINE AND NON-ROUTINE QUESTIONS.

3. AS WE UNDERSTAND THE DEPARTMENT'S POSITION, WE ARE TO GO AHEAD WITH THE NORMAL RANGE OF INDO-US ACTIVITIES AND WE WELCOME A MEETING OF THE JOINT COMMISSION AT A FUTURE MUTUALLY CONVENIENT DATE. AS APPLIED TO THE SUBCOMMISSIONS, WE SEE THIS AS MEANING THAT WE SHOULD PROCEED ON A WIDE VARIETY OF PROJECTS WHICH ARE NOT NOW DEPENDENT ON A FULL JOINT COMMISSION MEETING. FOR EXAMPLE, WE WOULD GO AHEAD WITH AN EXCHANGE OF LISTS OF EXPORT PRODUCTS, INVESTMENT SECTORS, ETC. IN THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AREA WE WOULD CONTINUE TO DEVELOP THE MUTUALLY AGREED PRIORITY PROPOSALS TO PRESENT TO THE JOINT COMMISSION. IN THE EDUCATION AND CULTURE AREAS WE WOULD GO AHEAD WITH THE MUSEUM AND OTHER PROJECTS.

4. THERE ARE OTHER AREAS WHERE WE RECOMMEND WE GO SLOW SINCE THEY ARE OF SUFFICIENT IMPORTANCE TO LINK THEM TO A MEETING OF THE JOINT COMMISSION. AS WE SEE IT, THESE BOIL DOWN TO ESTABLISHMENT OF THE JOINT BUSINESS COUNCIL AND USE OF AID FUNDS TO FINANCE CERTAIN ACTIVITIES OF THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND EDUCATION AND CULTURE SUBCOMMISSIONS. WE ARE WAITING FOR THE GOI ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE JOINT BUSINESS COUNCIL, WE HAVE ALREADY TOLD THE GOI ABOUT OUR WILLINGNESS TO PROVIDE AID FUNDS FOR CERTAIN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ACTIVITIES AND INTEND TO TAKE SIMILAR INFORMAL ACTION ON EDUCATION AND CULTURE. IF WE OBTAIN GOI RESPONSES, WELL AND GOOD. IF NOT, WE DO NOT INTEND TO PRESS THESE ISSUES.

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5. ACTION REQUESTED: WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR CONCURRENCE IN THE ABOVE. IF YOU CONCUR, WE STILL NEED SOME WASHINGTON INPUT INTO ONGOING PROJECTS, E.G., CHASE MANHATTAN'S RESPONSE ON PHOSPHORIC ACID (NEW DELHI 2432), EXIM LANGUAGE (NEW DELHI'S 1563) AND, SPECIFIC SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PROPOSALS TO COORDINATE WITH THOSE EXPECTED FROM THE INDIAN SUBCOMMISSION MEMBERS (NEW DELHI'S 2415). PLEASE LET US KNOW.

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